

On the dates of publication of Boucard's *Genera of Humming Birds*

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Boucard's *Genera of Humming Birds* appeared in parts as supplements to Boucard's own journal *The Humming Bird*. It is through paginated but the typeface differs somewhat as it proceeds. Later the parts were gathered and issued with a title page. The publication date has usually been quoted as 1895, the final date on the title page. However, Ernst Hartert annotated the dates of publication of the various parts on the copy in the Rothschild Library at Tring, and as these seem not to be generally known, they are given here. His comments below are quoted verbatim.

"As the dates of publication Mr. Boucard gave on the final title page 1894-1895, on the second title page 1893-1895, but both statements are wrong! All the parts were issued and sent out with *The Humming Bird*.

- Pages 1-56 appeared in 1892
- Pages 55-106 appeared in 1893 (55 and 56 being double! but the letterpress totally different)
- Pages 107-202 appeared in 1894
- Pages 203-266 in March 1895
- Pages 267-283 in June 1895 [*There is no duplication here, Hartert must mean p. 282. M.W.*]
- Pages 283-330 in June 1895
- Pages 331-394 end of August or beginning of September 1895
- Pages 395-402 (the addenda) were issued October 1895 or later in that year, but before Xmas. E.H."

These dates of publication as given by Hartert were incorporated in vol. 5 of del Hoyo *et al.* (1999).

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